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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2005, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on January 6, 2006. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.


Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 18 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of claims 41-44 is respectfully requested. A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should any further issue require attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the same. Furthermore, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures:

Ku et al., "Interleukin-1 β Converting Enzyme Inhibition Blocks Progression of Type II Collagen-Induced Arthritis in Mice" (*Cytokine* 8(5):377-386, 1996)
Thornberry et al., "Caspases: Enemies Within" (*Science* 281:1312-1316, 1998)

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